

Michigan Reads! 2008



Picnic Time

Read

- *The Berenstain bears go in and out*, by Stan & Jan Berenstain, Random House, 2000.
- *The big cheese*, by Apple Jordan, illustrated by the Disney Storybook Artists, Random House, 2007.
- *Dim sun for everyone*, by Grace Lin, Knopf, 2001.
- *Fast good! Gulp! Gulp!* by Bernard Waber, Houghton Mifflin, 2001.
- *Froggy eats out*, by Jonathan London, illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz, Viking, 2001.
- *Hamburger heaven*, by Wong Yee, Houghton Mifflin, 1999.
- *How spider stopped the litterbugs*, by Robert Kraus, Scholastic, 1991.
- *It's the bear!* by Jez Alborough, Candlewick Press, 1996.
- *Minnie's Diner: a multiplying menu*, by Dayle Ann Dodds, illustrated by John Manders, Candlewick Press, 2004.
- *Once upon a picnic*, by John Prater, illustrated by John Prater, Candlewick, 1996.
- *One hundred hungry ants*, by Elinor Pinczes, illustrated by Bonnie MacKain, Houghton Mifflin, 1993.
- *Packing up a picnic: activities and recipes for kids*, by Rick Walton and Jennifer Adams, Gibbs Smith, 2006.
- *Picnic farm*, by Christine Morton, illustrated by Sarah Barringer, Holiday House, 1998.
- *Pizza at Sally's*, by Monica Wellington, Dutton, 2006.
- *Please do feed the bears*, by Phyllis Naylor, illustrated by Ana Lopez Escrive, Atheneum Books, 2002.
- *Raccoon tune*, by Nancy Shaw, illustrated by Howard Fine, Henry Holt, 2003.
- *The Teddy bears' picnic*, by Jimmy Kennedy, illustrated by Fran Thatcher, Barron's Educational, 2001.
- *Toad eats out*, by Susan Schade, Random House, 1995.
- *We're going on a picnic!* by Pat Hutchins, Greenwillow, 2002.
- *Where does Joe go?* by Tracey Pearson, illustrated by Tracey Campbell Pearson, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999.

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Music

- *Teddy bears' picnic*, performed by Jerry Garcia, written by John W. Bratton, HarperCollins, 1993.

Crafts (all crafts best for ages 2-5)

- Paper Bag Picnic Basket: www.sinc.sunysb.edu/Class/est572/mdepuy/june.htm
- Fruit Basket: www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/craftdetails.cfm?TopicID=192
- Paper Plate Watermelon: www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/craftdetails.cfm?TopicID=1282

Sing-a-longs

- **Here We Go on a Picnic**, to the tune “Mulberry Bush,” **Ages 0-5**
(Source: www.preschooleducation.com)

Here we go on a picnic today,
A picnic today, a picnic today.
Here we go on a picnic today,
On such a beautiful _____ (day of the week)

This is the way we spread our cloth,
Spread our cloth, spread our cloth.
This is the way we spread our cloth,
On such a beautiful _____.

This is the way we eat our lunch...
This is the way we play our games...
This is the way we clean it up...
After a delightful picnic.

We had fun on a picnic today,
Picnic today, picnic today.
We had fun on a picnic today,
On such a beautiful _____.

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- **Ants at the Picnic**, to the tune “Skip to My Lou,” **Ages 0-5**
(Source: www.preschooleducation.com)

Ants at the picnic, what'll I do?
Ants at the picnic, what'll I do?
Ants at the picnic, what'll I do?
Guess I'll eat real quickly!

*Try your own verses! Like, “Raccoons in the trashcan...”

- **Picnic in the Park**, to the tune “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain,” **Ages 0-5**
(Source: www.preschooleducation.com)

Yes, we'll all go on
A picnic in the park.
Yes, we'll all go on
A picnic in the park.
Bring some lunch
And bring a ball.
There will be
Such fun for all!
Yes, we'll all go on
A picnic in the park.

- **All Around the Garbage Can**, to the tune: “Pop Goes the Weasel!” **Ages 0-5**
(Source: Phyllis Thode, Julie Moore, text from “Raccoon Tune”)

All around the garbage can
The raccoons tip it over
They want some yummy food to eat
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

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This lid is on a little tight.
We'll have to put up quite a fight.
We pull and pull with all our might.
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

What's inside for us to eat?
We really want some tasty treats!
Banana peels and bright red beets.
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

Activities

- **Trashcan Treasure Hunt, Ages 2-8**
 - Set out trashcans around the library and fill them with an assortment of "food" (either paper cut-outs or plastic food)
 - Have children dress as raccoons (see masks/ tails in crafts section)
 - Little "raccoons" have to try to find healthy "meals" from the trash!
 - Ages 2-4: Keep the theme on healthy vs. not healthy treats for people
 - Ages 5 and up: You can first learn about what raccoons eat both in the wild and closer to people. Have them search for food that raccoons would/should eat.
- **Feed the Raccoons, Ages 2-8**
 - Have some raccoons available (stuffed, puppets, or pictures from the "Raccoons!" program above)
 - Have healthy raccoon food available (plastic or paper)
 - Have children distribute the food to the raccoons so that all the raccoons have the same amount to eat!
 - You could use fish as the food in keeping with the "Raccoon Tune" text
 - Ages 2-4: Use one fish per raccoon
 - Ages 5 and up: To make this more difficult for older children, increase the number of fish (15 fish: 5 raccoons)

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- **Have a Picnic After the Program! All Ages!**

Print-outs

- **Picnic Bugs:** <http://familyfun.go.com/printables/coloring-pages/printable/spring-picnic/>
- **Picnic Table:** <http://familycrafts.about.com/library/color/blcolpicnictabl.htm>
- **Summer color sheets:**
<http://parenting.leehansen.com/downloads/coloring/summer-coloring.htm>
- **Picnic Ant Maze:** www.npl.lib.va.us/bibl/animals/activities/picnic_maze.html
- **Picnic Crossword:** www.npl.lib.va.us/bibl/animals/activities/cross_word.html